

Applicant hereby elects for further prosecution Group I (Claims 1-38, 60-79, 119, 131, 292, 298, 301, 302, 311, 327-333, 336, 337, 345, 346), without traverse. In addition, Applicant would like to add to Group I Claims 292-298, which correspond to Claims 327-333 and were inadvertently excluded from Applicant's Reply filed on October 10, 2002.

Applicant notes that, although the Examiner indicated Claim 31 as belonging to Group IV, Applicant believes that the Examiner made a typo, and that the Examiner meant to indicate Claim 321.

Applicant expressly reserves his/her right under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.


Applicant requests examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 393032016800. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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